



# THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

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Dear Olney Elementary School Community,

This letter is to inform you about environmental work performed by the School District's Operations team at Olney Elementary School this week. A steam pipe that was wrapped in asbestos insulation was accidentally disturbed by a Facilities staff member in Classroom 301 on Monday, October 8, 2018. Upon discovering that the pipe insulation was disturbed, the impacted area was closed to students and staff on Wednesday, October 10, 2018. Students have been relocated to Classroom 209.

The room is being assessed by a licensed asbestos building inspector and an abatement plan is being developed in accordance with the City of Philadelphia Asbestos Control Regulations, and in coordination with the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers Union.

While this work is being completed, the room will remain closed and students will not return to until the issue has been fully addressed and the area is fully abated and tested. An air-testing report will be shared with the school community when the work is complete. To prevent this from happening again, all asbestos pipe insulation will be abated from the room.

I understand this is a serious concern for your school community. A representative from the District's Environmental Office will be available to answer questions at the next Home and School Association meeting scheduled for this Friday, October 12, 2018 at 9:15 a.m.

As additional information becomes available about the completion of the abatement plan, I will communicate with the school community once this matter is fully resolved. This letter and any additional communication will also be posted on the District's website. Thank you for supporting Olney Elementary School.

Sincerely,

Francine Locke, MS  
Environmental Director

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Principal